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SUBJECT: BELIZE; KINGSTON FONMINS MEETING

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1. RETEL REPORTED DECLARATION ON BELIZE ISSUED AT CLOSE OF DECEMBER 9 KINGSTON FONMINS MEETING.
 2. ON DECEMBER 12 FONMIN PERMSEC FRANK FRANCIS BRIEFED DCM AND OTHER EMBOFFS ON MEETING. ACCORDING FRANCIS THOSE ATTENDING THE KINGSTON MEETING WERE OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO ANY TERRITORIAL CONCESSION BY BELIZE AS A PRE-CONDITION TO BELIZE INDEPENDENCE. THE PARTICIPANTS WERE EQUALLY OPPOSED TO PRESSURING BELIZE INTO GRANTING SUCH TERRITORIAL COCESSIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, FRANCIS SAID, THE PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT NOT ONLY SHOULD BELIZE BE A PARTICIPANT IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE FUTURE
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OF THAT TERRITORY BUT ALSO THAT THE QUESTION OF TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS OR OTHER CONDITIONS PRECEDENT FOR INDEPENDENCE WERE A MATTER FOR BELIZE TO DECIDE. IN SHORT, THE PARTICIPANTS APPARENTLY WOULD ACCEPT TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS, HOWEVER RELUCTANTLY, IF BELIZE ITSELF FREELY AGREED TO THEM.

3. FRANCIS SAID THAT THE CALLAGHAN/MANLEY LETTER AND OTHER BRITISH, AS WELL AS U.S. APPROACHES TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS, WERE NOT DISCUSSED IN PLENARY SESSIONS. HE DID VOLUNTEER THAT FONMIN PATTERSON'S EXPRESSION OF "CONCERN", REPORTED REFTEL, RELATED DIRECTLY TO THE BRITISH EFFORT TO PRESS FOR A COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT INVOLVING TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS BY BELIZE TO GUATEMALA.
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